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Applicant : Xian Yao, et al. Confirmation No. 5454  
Application No. : 10/731,710  
Filed : December 9, 2003  
Title : METHOD FOR FORMING ULTRA HARD SINTERED COMPACTS  
USING METALLIC PERIPHERAL STRUCTURES IN THE SINTERING  
CELL  
Grp./Div. : 1742  
Examiner : Daniel J. Jenkins  
Docket No. : 50547/CM/M277

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October 5, 2005

Commissioner:

Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE
Total Claims Fee	33	*26	7	x \$25.00	7 x \$50.00	\$350.00
Independent Claims	4	**3	1	x \$100.00	1 x \$200.00	\$200.00
Multiple Dependent Claims ***				\$180.00	\$360.00	\$0.00
TOTAL FILING FEE						\$550.00
NO ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED	IF NO FEE REQUIRED, INSERT "0"					\$550.00
LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS: 1, 21, 23 and 34						
* IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 20 OR LESS, WRITE "20" IN COLUMN 3 ** IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN COLUMN 3 *** PAY THIS FEE ONLY WHEN MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS ARE ADDED FOR THE FIRST TIME						

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X Attached is our check for \$550.00 to pay the fees calculated above.  
       A Petition for Extension of Time and the required fee are enclosed.  
       Other enclosures:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by or to give effect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A copy of this letter is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,  
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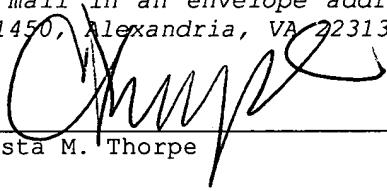
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Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action of July 14, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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